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CORRUPTION IN ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government has received complaints regarding corruption in allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies;

(b) : if so, details thereof;

(c) : whether the Government has banned functioning of various dealer selection boards in view of allegations of corruption; and

(d) : if so, the details of the selection boards whose functioning has been banned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)to&(d) : Complaints regarding irregularities, etc. against selection/allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products are received by the Government from time to time.After dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) with effect from 1.4.2002, based on certain broad parameters laid down by the Government, public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), frame their guidelines for the selection/ appointment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships, and have been making selections in terms of these guidelines. These guidelines, which are objective and transparent in nature, provide for a detailed procedure to be followed by the OMCs in making selection of dealers/distributors and also provide for a grievance redressal mechanism Prior to dismantling of APM, selection of dealers/distributors was done by the erstwhile Dealer Selection Boards (DSB).Post-APM DSBs were disbanded in May, 2002 and the selection of dealers/distributors is now done by the Dealer Selection Committees consisting of officers of concerned OMCs. The Committee for conducting interviews is not permanent and is nominated for a particular selection.